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The D. and R. G. Will Build South to White Oaks and El Paso.

Now that the El Paso & Northern has announced that it will not extend its line eastward, the White Oaks people are beginning to study how they are to secure a railway connection. White Oaks is not on the railway from El Paso, says the New Mexican. The distance from White Oaks is probably seventy-five miles to where the Pecos Valley line could be tapped. A spur of twelve miles would connect White Oaks with El Paso over the new line. But with this spur built by the Denver & Rio Grande as part of an extension from Santa Fe, a distance of perhaps 150 miles. White Oaks, the coal fields, gold mines, and timber country, would be on a through line to Denver, that would pass through a productive country, tapping Albuquerque, and there connecting with the Santa Fe for east and west business. The Denver & Rio Grande business in the southwest, via Santa Fe, is growing and some day the road will be extended to White Oaks and El Paso.—El Paso Herald.

MAX LUNA DROWNED.

Dispatches from the Philippines say that Lieut. Max Luna and two men of his escort were drowned while crossing the Agno river of the island of Luzon. Lieut. Luna served in the late regiment of Rough Riders in Cuba as a Captain and at his discharge was made a Major by brevet, but as he had a further desire to serve his country he received an appointment as lieutenant in the 34th volunteer infantry and left for the Philippines about three months ago. Lieut. Luna was made an aide to Gen. Lawton and was serving in that capacity at the time he met his death. Lieut. Luna was a member of the last Territorial Assembly from Valencia county, serving that body as speaker of the house. He was well known throughout New Mexico and was a prominent politician.

The El Paso and Northern people are losing heavily every day at the Salado by not having the editor of Alamogordo News to superintend the development of its coal mines—el sabe los negocios perfectamente.

The Albuquerque Citizen, 18, says Albuquerque has handled about 1,000,000 pounds of wool in the grease and secured during the past two weeks.

POSTMASTER WOULD'NT GIVE IN.

In Consequence the Office at Piencho is Discontinued.

The people in and around Piencho, that lively little hamlet in the sunny vale of the Hondo, have been given a taste of the republican methods that they do not much enjoy—no less than the fact that hereafter they must foot it to Lincoln, twenty miles away, every time they want their mail.

It all came about through the postmaster, Mr. J. B. Hopkins, declining to be bid by the republican party. Some time since he received notice of an assessment placed against him for use in electing republican candidates in Ohio and Nebraska, with the request to please remit. Having the spirit that becomes a man, he declined to do anything of the sort, and as soon as his reply reached Washington he was notified that the office at Piencho would be discontinued after the first of the present month—thus punishing him for refusing to be blackmailed.

The order will be a genuine hardship to a large number of farmers and cattlemen, as far up the river as the forks of the Bogito, and a much greater distance east and south, who have been tributary to Piencho, finding there a base of supply not excelled by any of its kind in the territory. Now they must travel in some instances thirty miles for their mail, or to do any postal business whatever. No relief can be expected from the mail carriers, as they are not of a sort to be capable of rendering intelligent assistance. So the only thing they can do will be to look pleasant, and get up a new petition, with but little hopes that their application will be granted. This present instance is a bright and shining example of republican methods all over the country, and should give the voters along the Hondo something to chew on between now and the next election.—Roswell Record.

ALAMOGORDO COURT.

Alamogordo, N. M., Nov. 17, 1899. Editor Eagle:—

The first term of the District Court for Otero county, adjourned today. Judge F. W. Parker presided and performed the difficult duties of his position with fairness and ability. Messrs. W. B. Mitchell, clerk, H. B. Holt, stenographer, and Cesario Pedragon, interpreter, discharged the duties devolving upon them in manner satisfactory to every one concerned.

The visiting lawyers were J. E. Wharton of White Oaks, Judge Newcomb and Judge Fall of Las Cruces, and Editor Matteson of Tularosa. Mr. Hutcherson of Tularosa, was admitted to practice until the meeting of the Supreme court. There were three pleas of guilty in felony cases, one for burglary, one for theft of a horse and one for robbery, and they received four, one and three years in the penitentiary for the crimes named in the order stated above. Rube Payne was tried and convicted for assault to rape, and given ten years in the penitentiary. Considerable civil business on the docket, but only a few cases in which service had been completed.

The grand jury indicted many for infractions of law, there being more for violations of the gun and Sunday laws than for other more serious offenses; and altogether, the first term of Otero County District Court was a very satisfactory one to all persons interested. Respectfully, O. K.

THE SAN ANDRES.

Morgan Llewellyn came in from the San Andres Tuesday, and in a very elaborate discourse delivered in this sanetium said, among other things: "We are shipping a car load of ore from the Major and Florence to the El Paso smelter this week. Operations have been temporarily suspended on the Florence, but in the Major about twenty inches of good ore is being worked. It takes about five days to make the round trip to the sta-

tion at Las Cruces with a load of ore, and the great need of the district is concentrating machinery or a branch line, which will come sooner or later.

"Hopkins & Co., are doing considerable work in the San Andres canyon, and also in Membrillo canyon.

"D. McCowan and Franklin are also working their claims, and the district is full of prospectors.

"A number of shafts will soon be sunk on the soda beds by the Pittsburg people and that company is quite likely to make a big thing, as a number of commercial salts can be obtained, and it is also said there are large deposits of borax existing there."—Donna Ana County Republican.

KETCHUM PLEADS GUILTY.

Tom Ketchum, the notorious outlaw, pleaded guilty of holding up the United States mail, in Las Vegas yesterday morning. He was taken back to jail at Santa Fe by Deputy United States Marshal Hall, without having received his sentence, which it is said will more than likely be imprisonment for life. It is thought that by his action in pleading guilty of the United States offense, and Ketchum has an indictment against him for this crime in Union county, Yavapai county, Arizona, authorities feel positive that he can be convicted there on a charge of wilful murder.—Albuquerque Journal Democrat, Nov. 17.

BRONCO BILL SENTENCED.

He Pleads Guilty of Murder in the Second Degree and Will Be Imprisoned For Life.

William H. Walters, alias Bronco Bill, decided to plead guilty of murder in the second degree at Socorro, Monday Judge Leland sentenced him to the penitentiary for life. Bronco Bill and "Kid" Johnson were overtaken by Deputy Sheriff Francisco Vigil and two Indians, a day or two after the Belen train robbery. Vigil and one of the Indians were killed in the fight which followed. Months afterward the outlaws were again encountered by the authorities and Johnson was killed and Bill badly wounded. He is still suffering with his injured arm.—Albuquerque Journal Democrat, November 17.

Almer N. Blazer, son of Dr. J. F. Blazer, lately deceased, one of the oldest of the old-timers, has brought a suit against Walter McLuttrell, United States Indian agent at the Mesquero Indian agency, to cover damages and to restrain the agent from interfering with the complainant in the possession of certain lands on the Indian reservation. It appears that there are a number of settlers, of whom Mr. Blazer is one, who located lands in that section before the reservation was established, but who, while tolerated by the Indian officer, have not heretofore been able to secure title, and that the Indian agent, whether or not by the sanction of his superiors, at Washington remains to be seen, has undertaken to remove these settlers from the reservation. This suit will determine the status of the lands in question, and is of great importance.

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CLARK'S OPINION.

David Clark returned on Tuesday from the White Oaks country. He verifies the previous stories of the poor outlook for a good coal field in the Salado district.—Gallop Gleaner.

The above from the Gleaner substantiates the correctness of the interview with Salado miners published by this paper, October 5th. The Eagle's article, about which the pig-headed Editor of the Edmundo News is still prating, applied only to shafts No. 1 and 2, while Clark talks about the whole district. It is needless, however, to try to convince a fool against his will, and it would be a pity to spoil this clever journalist's opinion of himself—he is truly a suitable product for the position he occupies at the "Infant Wonder" and is a sweet singer from Israel when his song is keyed for singing the panegyric of the illustrious fame of the noble founder of that Oasis in the desert between Dog Canyon and the White Sands, and the wonderful (invisible) resources which surround the city on all sides.

Your Honor, when it comes to lathering asses, dealing with gray matter etc.—the unsouped of Ipswich could have been regenerated and washed as clean as the driven white on a very small percentage of the amount it would take to give your conscience the first coating; and the intelligence of that humble beast of burden to which your literary genius drives you when a clever comparison is desired, can school you for a half century yet in coal mining. Better stick to the alkali flats of Alamogordo a while longer before you branch out to subjects you have not been taught, else the general public will soon get on to you.

La Luz, Tularosa, White Oaks and Nogal, about the only points in the White Oaks country that are truly the centers of resourceful districts, are scrupulously avoided when the Editor of that sheet writes up the the resources of the country.

The White Oaks Eagle is one among other papers which believe facts and not misrepresentations should be used in advertising the resources of a country, and will continue to put such information before its readers, let it be good, bad or indifferent.

THE WOOL CLIP OF 1899.

(Denver Times.) According to the estimate made by the national association of wool growers, the wool clip of the year will amount to a total of 272,191,339 pounds, of which about 8 per cent is pulled and the balance wool in the grease. When scoured the equivalent shows a product of 113,058,460 pounds against 111,631,581 in 1898, and about the same amount in 1897. The average weight is put down at 6.45 pounds. Montana, Oregon, Wyoming, Idaho, Texas, Ohio, California, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado are all credited with a field of 10,500,000 pounds, ranging in the order named here, with Montana in the lead with 21,887,854 pounds, and our own state with 10,126,175. The highest average yield per head is given to Washington, which is given 8.5 pounds. Colorado is set down at 6.5 pounds. While the wool in sight is said to be considerably in excess of this date last year, yet an advance in price is noted in the last sixty days, with a strong foreign market.

The Las Vegas Optic says Secretary LaRue of the territorial cattle sanitary board and a large force of assistants has been kept exceedingly busy for some time sending out recorded certificates of brands and answering the voluminous correspondence he receives. Up to November 11, he had sent out 4,000 certificates from the 16,000 brands on record in the records of the office having completed the lists for San Miguel, Guadalupe, Grant, Socorro and Chaves counties. He expects to complete this work by the first of December.

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